

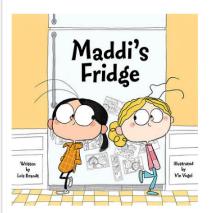
"Maddi's Fridge" Fundraiser & Awareness Campaign

https://www.purecharity.com/scc-books

This campaign was designed to foster awareness of childhood hunger in Northwest Arkansas and empower a generation to take action. Through social media, local blogs, and online peer-to-peer fundraising platform, a total of \$1545 was raised to provide copies of the children's book "Maddi's Fridge" to elementary school libraries across Northwest Arkansas (164 books total). A special kick-off Skype event with the book's author was planned and delivered to several of the recipient schools.



Maddl's Fridge weaves this reality of childhood hunger into a story of friendship and community in a light-hearted way that children are able to relate and respond. This delightful story activates compassion for their hungry classmates and encourages them to "help friends who have empty refrigerators."



Join us in bringing Maddi's Fridge to elementary school libraries across Northwest Arkansas. By sharing this colorful book, we are empowering a generation to aid in the fight against childhood hunger.



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Maddi's Fridge book to help 'friends who have empty refrigerators' in NWA

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Every week, Samaritan Community Center sends over 7,500 Snackpacks to preschools and elementary, middle and high schools throughout NWA to be distributed to children who are at-risk for hunger over the weekends and school breaks.

Fill Maddi's Fridge

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Danielle May, grant writer for the Samaritan Community Center, brings us a powerful opportunity to combat childhood hunger in Northwest Arkansas. I met Danielle through If:Gathering NWA and each time I talk with her I am blown away by her love and service for people in need. We believe together that sharing stories brings awareness to our community needs which leads to action. I am excited and honored to share Danielle's vision for empowering children to fight hunger. -Bonnie King

The day was winding down, quickly approaching 2:00 on a beautiful Friday afternoon. The students in Room 213 were bouncing off the walls, eagerly looking forward to a couple of fun days away from school. Louis is trying to catch his breath. He just scarfed down his afternoon snack. He feels guilty because he didn't save it and try to make it last over the weekend. His mom woke up late so he missed the free school breakfast. He got in trouble twice this morning for not paying attention. He couldn't help but daydream about what they were serving for lunch today. Now he is dreading the weekend because it's the end of the month and his family is out of food stamps. Last night they ate the very last of the I'm so excited to host one of my friends from Samaritan Community Center on the blog today. I learned about the amazing work of this organization after I moved to Northwest Arkansas. While I support hunger efforts around the world in multiple ways. I'm continually manazed at the issue right here in my back yard. Washington and Benton Counties consistently rank in the top 5 "hungriest" counties in our state. Juxtapose that with the income by county and you will find a significant discrepancy. Thankfully, the businesses in our area are great supporters and contributors to those making the greatest impact...but I love even more that its a place the everyday person can make an exponential impact! So excited about the opportunity they are sharing below!!!

behavioral challenges related to hunger and food insecurity. Studies have shown that in addition to anxiety, hunger has longterm consequences on children's health, education and futures education and futures. Hunger directly affects the health and well-being of children including recurring illness, obesity, depression, and other chronic health issues. Children that suffer fro food insecurity often experience limited intellectual and social



The evidence is overwhelming. But we can't simply toss this over to the growing mound of depressing news. One in four means in your child's classroom, there are likely five students unable to concentrate in class because an empty turminy demands their attention. It means the person sitting behind you at church has an empty fridge at home. It means your coworker is sacrificing their lunch so their family can have enough food to stretch until the beginning of the month when they get more food stamps. And it's not just certain schools or neighborhoods. It is every single school in Benton, Washington, Carroll and Madison Counties. Every day, over 25,000 stories of childhood hunger are happening in our community. How do we honor and redeem these stories?



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